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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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6 Claims 1 and 2 (Canceled).

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8 Claim 3 (new): An electric guitar including

9 (a) a fingerboard;

10 (b) a plurality of strings;

11 (c) a hollow acoustic body including

12 (i) a front,

13 (ii) a back,

14 (iii) elongate thin bouts extending intermediate the front and the back, the front

15 back and bouts enclosing a hollow space,

16 (iv) a hollow upper portion, and

17 (v) a lower hollow portion connected to and larger than the upper portion,

18 (vi) a sound hole formed through the front to allow resonant sound produced by

19 resonance in the hollow space and bouts to escape outwardly from the hollow

20 space through the sound hole;

21 (d) a speaker system mounted in the hollow acoustic body and including at least one

22 speaker positioned at least partially beneath the sound hole and at least one speaker

23 positioned at least partially offset from the sound hole and beneath the front;

24 (e) a system operatively associated with the strings and the speaker to cause sound to

25 emanate from the speaker system when the strings are played, and

26 (i)

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